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12 January 1956

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Project Director  
**SUBJECT :** U-2 Aircraft Utilization

1. Flying time for U-2 type aircraft from 25 July to 31 December 1955 was accomplished as follows:

<u>DELIVERED</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
25 Jul 55	13:25	14:35	17:20	15:08	22:41	83:09
19 Sep 55	--	10:15	5:15	14:24	21:36	51:30
17 Oct 55	--	--	2:45	17:28	47:19	67:32
21 Nov 55	--	--	--	--	10:33	10:33
19 Dec 55	--	--	--	--	3:20	3:20

13:25 24:50 25:20 47:00 105:29 216:04

Average per Aircraft:      13:25 12:25 8:26 15:40 21:06 43:12

2. Analysis of the above computations to establish a trend or to determine which aircraft is below standard is difficult at this time. Concentration at [ ] weather and other factors have combined to force sporadic operation of the aircraft. The operation in the first two months of 1956 should be such as to establish a basis for accurate indications as to aircraft and equipment reliability.

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 Director of Operations

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